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> PATENT 1110-0280P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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December 31, 2002

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

December 31, 2002

Sir:

following Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action issued October 1, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim.

treating autoimmune (Twice Amended) A method for 1. demyelinating diseases which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a Fas antagonist, which is a substance that inhibits Fas-Fas ligand binding and suppresses apoptosis.